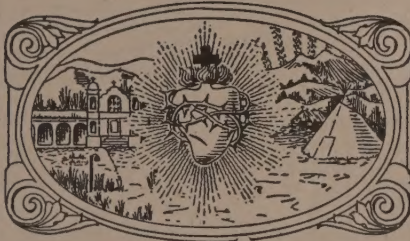


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Sheridan

New Novitiate

As a site for a new novitiate for the Rocky Mountain vice-province, an 880-acre tract was purchased at the beginning of last November at Sheridan, Oregon, 52 miles southwest of Portland. It is about as far from Portland as Los Gatos is from San Francisco, and the distance from Sheridan to Salem is about the same as that from Los Gatos to San Jose. Only a few miles from Sheridan is McMinnville, a town of about the size of Los Gatos.

The greater part of the new property is under cultivation. The former owner, a retired Portland brewer now living in Los Angeles, called the place "Paradise Farm." Recently when Fr. Joseph Tomkin, superior at Colville mission, sent some farm horses to Sheridan, he wired to Fr. Provincial: "The four horses will arrive in Paradise Thursday night."

The new property, situated in the beautiful Yamhill valley, is said to resemble in scenic beauty the site of our novitiate at Los Gatos.

Fr. Nathaniel Purcell is directing the preparations for the novitiate. Bro. James Vetter, for many years superintendent of the ranch at St. Francis Regis mission, Colville, has gone to Sheridan to take charge of the farm. Bro. Lawrence Huber, expert mechanic and engineer, has recently been transferred from Gonzaga to Sheridan.

Building plans now under con-

sideration provide for a first unit large enough to accommodate 40 novices.

Hollywood

Sermons on Martyrs

Fr. Dennis Kavanagh conducted the triduum in honor of the Jesuit martyrs of North America at the Blessed Sacrament church, November 5 to 7, and preached a panegyric on the First American Saints at the two late masses on Sunday, November 9. The exercises were well attended, the congregation increasing each evening and the communions reaching at least 1000.

Fr. Cyril Kavanagh of Loyola university gave a triduum in honor of the recently canonized English martyrs, December 12 to 14. His sermon topics were: "The Church before Pilate," "The Church on Calvary," and "The Resurrection."

Frank Spearman

Frank H. Spearman's latest book, "Spanish Lover," an historical romance, with Don Juan of Austria as hero, will shortly be accessible to the blind, since the author has just given permission to the Braille Institute of America for its issue in braille type.

Mr. Spearman is the father of Mr. Arthur D. Spearman, second year theologian at Weston, and is the well known author of "Whispering Smith," "Doctor Bryson," "Robert Kimberly," "The Daughter of a Magistrate," "Laramie Holds the Range," "Selwood of Sleepy Cat," "The

Mountain Divide," "The Nerve of Foley," "Held for Orders," "Merrill Dawes," "The Strategy of Great Railroads," and "The Marriage Verdict." Mr. Spearman's home is in our Hollywood parish.

Los Angeles LOYOLA UNIVERSITY Deans' Convention

The annual convention of Jesuit deans of the American provinces was held at Loyola university, Los Angeles, in Christmas week.

Among those in attendance were: Fr. Florence D. Sullivan, president of Loyola university, New Orleans; Fr. Joseph M. Walsh, president of Spring Hill college, Mobile; Fr. William J. Tallon, president of St. Joseph's college, Philadelphia; Fr. W. J. McGarry, dean of philosophy, Weston; Fr. Louis J. Gallagher, dean of Botton college; Fr. D. M. O'Connell, dean of the Chicago province; Fr. A. C. Fox, dean of John Carroll university, Cleveland; Fr. Samuel H. Horine, socius to the Missouri provincial; Fr. Edgar Taylor, dean of Gonzaga university; Fr. John McAstocker, dean of Bellarmine high school, Tacoma; Fr. Charles F. Carroll, dean of the California province; Fr. J. F. McCormick, professor of philosophy, Marquette university, Milwaukee.

Judge of Resolutions

Fr. Joseph Donovan, Loyola university dean, was chosen as one of the three judges in the New Year's Resolution contest recently conducted by the Los Angeles Examiner. The other judges were Dr. L. K. Koontz of the university of California at Los Angeles, and Arthur Gould, assistant superintendent of Los Angeles public schools. More than 2,500 resolutions were submitted.

Lecture at Library

Fr. Zacheus Maher, Loyola university president, will give a lecture entitled "A Catholic Philosophy" on February 2 under the auspices of the Los Angeles Public Library. This is one of a free course of university lectures that are being conducted by the department of philosophy and religion of the Los Angeles Public Library from October 6, 1930, to April 27, 1931.

Retreats

Fr. Deignan conducted the Loyola university students' retreat December 3, 4 and 5.

Fr. Madden gave a triduum to the students of the Sacred Heart academy December 3, 4 and 5.

Fr. Cyril Kavanagh preached a triduum in honor of the English martyrs at Blessed Sacrament church in Hollywood, December 12, 13 and 14.

In December Fr. Zacheus Maher gave a retreat for women at the convent of the Sisters of Social Service, and also the annual retreat to the students of Conaty high school.

Pre-Medical Debates

Plans for a series of intercollegiate discussions or debates between students of pre-medical department of Loyola and those of other universities are now being arranged.

The first discussion is to be held with the university of California at Los Angeles in the latter part of January. Other discussions are planned with California Tech. and Occidental college.

Roads Improved

Road conditions in the vicinity of Loyola university are being rapidly improved. The work on Manchester boulevard will soon be completed, making it one of the best inter-city highways in southern California.

Within the next year Lincoln highway will be paved from Culver boulevard to Manchester.

Parents Organize

Many mothers and fathers of Loyola university students gathered in the school auditorium on November 24 to discuss plans for an organization that would have the progress of Loyola as its purpose. The meeting afforded parents and faculty members an opportunity to become better acquainted. Speeches were given by Fr. Zacheus Maher, Fr. Harold Ring and Fr. Joseph Donovan.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Dramatics

Three playlets were presented by the Loyola high school students at the Windsor Square theatre shortly before the Christmas vacation. The playlets were entitled: "It'll Be All Right on the Night," "Moonshine," and "A Game of Chess."

Retreats

Fr. Lawrence Heney of Loyola university conducted the Loyola high school students' retreat December 3, 4 and 5.

Fr. Harold Ring, Loyola high school rector, conducted a retreat for women at the convent of the Sisters of Social Service, 1120 Westchester place, Los Angeles, December 11 to 15.

Mt. St. Michael's Christmas

At the midnight mass at Mt. St. Michael's Fr. Augustine Dinand, spiritual father, was celebrant; Fr. William Elliott, minister, was deacon; and Fr. Leo Martin, Cosmology professor, was subdeacon. Fr. Mark Gaffney, psychology professor, was organist; and Mr. George Dunne directed the choir. The music was superb. One side of the chapel was entirely filled with visitors from Spokane.

The chapel, recreation rooms and refectory were gorgeously decorated during Christmas week.

There was splendid ice on the rinks throughout the holidays, and the ice carnival was probably the best ever held at the Mount.

Retreats

Retreats Given.—Fr. Joseph Chianale, theodicy professor, conducted the renovation triduum at the Mount on December 5, 6 and 7, and a triduum to the Sisters of the Holy Child in Portland during Christmas week.—Fr. George Weibel gave a triduum to the girls at the Good Shepherd home, Spokane, December 5, 6 and 7.—Fr. Leo Martin gave a triduum to the Sisters teaching at St. Patrick's parish school, Hillyard, December 5, 6 and 7, and to the Ursuline nuns at St. Ignatius mission, Montana, during Christmas week.

Retreats Made.—The following came to Mt. St. Michael's to make their annual retreat during December: Fr. Charles Greenwood, chaplain at Sacred Heart hospital, Spokane; Fr. Edward Griva, missionary at St. Francis Regis mission, Colville; Fr. Alphonsus Couffrant, chaplain at St. Ignatius hospital, Colfax, Wash.; and Fr. Frank Kane of Marquette high school, Yakima, Wn.

Christmas Work

To assist in Christmas confessions and services, Fr. James Kiely went to St. Francis Xavier's mission, Montana; Fr. Gerald Beezer, to St. Joseph's church, Seattle; Fr. Joseph O'Brien, to St. Jude's church, Havre, Mont.; Fr. Paul Saeur, to Colville, Wash.; Fr. Joseph Chianale, to St. Michael's church, Portland; Fr. George Weibel, to Okanogan, Wash.; Fr. Francis Altman, to St. Patrick's church, Hillyard.

Varia

Mr. John Fuss, third-year philosopher of the New Orleans province, after several months of illness was unable to finish the year, and went to New Orleans for a rest January 25.

Mr. Thomas Stokes, second-year philosopher of the Missouri province, was called to Los Angeles January 15 to the deathbed of his father, who died January 22.

Spokane Japanese Baptized

A little less than a year after its beginning, the Japanese Sunday school mission conducted by Messrs. George Dunne and Paul O'Brien, philosophers at Mt. St. Michael's, harvested its first fruits on Sunday, December 21, when 12 Japanese children were baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes cathedral, Spokane. About 100 people witnessed the ceremony.

Bishop Addresses Children

Bishop White of Spokane, who has taken great interest in the work among the Japanese, addressed the children before the administration of the sacrament. He impressed upon them the deep significance of baptism and the duties it imposed upon them, and urged them to lifelong fidelity to prayer and their religious obligations. He spoke feelingly of his friendship with Bishop Januarius Hayasaka of Nagasaki, Japan, with whom he studied for six years in Rome.

The baptisms were administered by Fr. Verhagen, pastor of the cathedral, assisted by Fr. Cronin, pastor of St. Augustine's, and Fr. Augustine Dinand, spiritual father at Mt. St. Michael's. Twenty-four men and women of Spokane, who have become interested in the work among the Japanese, acted as sponsors.

Japanese Entertainment

After the ceremony all descended to the auditorium beneath the cathedral, where an entertainment for the Japanese was presented by about 30 girls of the choral class and about 30 boys and girls of the drill class of Our Lady of Lourdes parochial school. The remainder of the program was presented by the Japanese children themselves, many of the girls wearing Japanese kimono, as they had during the reception of the sacrament. During the entertainment Bishop White and the parents of the Japanese children occupied the places of honor in the front rows.

The program was followed by an illustrated lecture on Japan given by the scholastics in the large reception room next to the auditorium. This was followed by refreshments.

Christmas Tableau

On Christmas Eve the Japanese parents gave a Christmas party at the mission on the Iwata property in Hangman creek valley. The feature of the program was a tableau of the Nativity. The children, costumed in drapes, window curtains, etc., impersonated the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men. Several of the smaller ones, dressed in white with large wings tied to their backs, represented angels, and by standing on the ends of barrels and boxes strove to give the effect of hovering above the crib. The crib was a large basket and the finishing touch was given the tableau when Mr. Iwata brought in five-months-old Rose Iwata and placed her in the basket to take the part of the Infant Savior.

Santa Clara University

Stanford Debate

Santa Clara debaters received a two-to-one decision over Stanford in a debate held at Santa Clara on Tuesday evening, December 9. The question was: "Resolved that individuals should attend junior college before entering the university." Stanford upheld the affirmative.

Nobili Hall Dedicated

In honor of Father John Nobili, founder of Santa Clara, the new Nobili hall was blessed by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna on Sunday, November 23, before a large gathering of people. At the same celebration

a plaque in memory of Padre Magin Catala was unveiled by Miss Marie Antonia Field, a descendant of the last Spanish viceroy of California. Miss Field was assisted by Senor V. de Romero, Spanish consul of San Francisco. The plaque is located on the spot assigned by tradition to the cell in which Padre Catala died.

The ceremony opened with solemn high mass at 11 o'clock, at which a sermon was preached by Rev. Augustine Hobrecht, O. F. M.

Nobili hall houses the Fathers' and students' refectories and kitchen on its first floor, while its other floors are given over to rooms for students and lay professors. In keeping with the other buildings of the campus it is of Spanish architecture, though, unlike the rest, it is enriched by a beautiful square tower in the center.

Vergil Celebration

The bimillennial anniversary of the birth of Vergil was celebrated at Santa Clara on Sunday afternoon, November 9, before a large audience of distinguished guests. Interesting features of the celebration were a dramatic representation of Vergil's first Eclogue, the reading of a Latin sapphic ode written by Oscar F. Auvil, philosopher at Mt. St. Michael's, and of an English ode written by Fr. Henry Woods.

Fr. C. F. Deeney represented the university of Santa Clara at the exercises held in honor of Vergil at the university of California Greek theatre on October 21. Santa Clara was asked to contribute a poem in Latin for the occasion. Fr. Henry Woods wrote "Laudes Vergilinae," a poem of 125 Latin hexameters. Dr. John Henry Nash, a California lover of letters, offered to print the poem in his famous press in a suitable manner. The book is made up in orange paper binding with a Roman style of type throughout. The title and so forth are in Latin. At the close of the book a short colophon written in English by Fr. Woods tells the reasons for the poem and thanks Dr. Nash. Special copies of "Laudes Vergilinae," bound in orange cloth with vellum tips and back, are to be sent to Pope Pius XI, to the king of Italy, and to Premier Mussolini.

Atheist Society

With the intention of starting an atheist society at Santa Clara university, one of the students recently

approached many of his fellow students and endeavored to distribute atheistic literature. He was received with ridicule by the students, and as soon as his activities were brought to the attention of the faculty he was promptly expelled from the university.

Padre of the Glaciers

Fr. Bernard Hubbard, geologist of Santa Clara university, sailed from Seattle on January 7 to continue his geological explorations in Alaska and to take 20,000 feet of movies of our Alaska missions.

He had recently returned from Washington, D. C., where he was called to assist the U. S. Department of the Interior in recording and mapping his discoveries. While in the East he delivered many lectures on Alaska. One, which he gave in the auditorium of the Department of the Interior in Washington, D. C., was sponsored by the U. S. Geological Survey.

Seattle College

Fr. Walter Fitzgerald, Seattle college rector, was appointed vice-provincial of the Rocky Mountain Region on Christmas, and Fr. Louis Fink, prefect of studies in the high school at Seattle, was appointed socius to the vice-provincial.

Fr. Louis Egan has taken over the office of prefect of studies at Seattle. The name of the new rector has not yet reached the Province News. Meanwhile Fr. Peter Halpin, Seattle college minister, has been superior of the house.

Fr. Louis O'Brien of Loyola high school, Los Angeles, was transferred to Seattle college at the end of December. Fr. James Doyle of Seattle college, who is to take Fr. O'Brien's place in Los Angeles, was rushed to Providence hospital, Seattle, for an emergency appendicitis operation shortly before he was to leave for the South.

Fr. Raymond Nichols of Seattle college preached the occasional sermon at the solemn pontifical mass celebrated at the special Thanksgiving Day service held in the Immaculate Conception church, Seattle. Among the distinguished visitors were the King County sheriff and the Seattle chief of police.

Seattle: St. Joseph's Tribute to Fr. Deeney

To honor their pastor and spiritual director, Fr. William J. Deeney, who has been pastor at St. Joseph's church, Seattle, for several years and who is soon to be stationed in California, more than 30 members of St. Joseph's conference, society of St. Vincent de Paul, gathered for a dinner at the Arctic club, Seattle, on Wednesday evening, January 21.

Guests with Fr. Deeney were Fr. John Durgan, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's, and A. D. Belanger, architect of the new St. Joseph's church recently completed.

All the speakers expressed gratitude to Fr. Deeney for his wise guidance in the building of the magnificent parish church, and appreciation for his generous counsel and cooperation with the St. Vincent de Paul society. On behalf of the men, Dr. DeDonato presented Fr. Deeney with a Gladstone travelling bag, and the pastor's response was a beautiful message of appreciation to those who had cooperated with him in his pastoral duties at St. Joseph's.

The Society's Increase

The growth of the Society during the 15 years of Fr. Ledochowski's generalate may be considered indeed extraordinary. In 1915, at the death of Father Wernz, the Society numbered 16,946 members (8,357 priests, 4,435 scholastics, 4,154 Brothers), divided into five assistancies and 27 provinces. According to the "Prospectus Societatis Jesu universae ineunte anno 1930," there are seven assistancies, 37 provinces, three independent vice-provinces, two dependent vice-provinces, and two regions governed by vice-provincials. The members number 21,678 (9,817 priests, 7,142 scholastics, 4,719 Brothers). The total increase in 15 years has been 4,732; the annual increase, which during the war averaged about 200 a year, now averages about 500 a year. The increase for 1930 was 490. The proportionate increase for the various assistancies is as follows: Italian 3.58 per cent, German 3.28 per cent; French 0.85 per cent; Spanish 1.49 per cent; English 1.07 per cent; American 3.01 per cent; Slavic 5.31 per cent; for the whole Society 2.26

per cent. The greatest was that of the Naples province, more than 8 per cent. The Belgian province is still the largest in number, with 1,465 members.

In 1918 there were 31 missions "inter infideles," with a total of 1662 missionaries (1108 priests, 163 scholastics, 391 Brothers). The "Prospectus Missionum" shows today 45 missions with 2,590 missionaries (1,576 priests, 499 scholastics, and 515 Brothers); an increase of 928 missionaries in 12 years. The average increase in recent years has been around 100; for 1930, 101. The province of Toulouse has the greatest proportion of missionaries to members—364 out of 690 (counting the dependent vice-province of Madura, 276). The Belgian province has the greatest number connected with the missions—450. Of these 391 are in the mission field.

The Roman Curia, which in the beginning of 1915 numbered 13 Fathers and 16 Brothers, numbers for 1930 42 Fathers and 35 Brothers.

Obituary

Bro. Joseph Prince

Bro. Joseph Prince, the first Eskimo Jesuit, died at 4:30 a. m., January 8, at the Sisters' hospital, St. Ignatius mission, Montana. He pronounced his vows as a Jesuit Brother on January 6, in the presence of Fr. Dillon, superior of the mission.

His funeral was simple but impressive. The nuns from the Providence hospital and the Ursuline academy, the three Jesuit priests of St. Ignatius mission, all the school children and a few outsiders attended the funeral services. Bro. Prince was buried at St. Ignatius mission among many former Indian missionaries.

Last Days

Fr. Louis Taelman writes the following account of Bro. Prince's last days and death:

The Brother arrived here on November 3. He took dinner with the community and went that afternoon to the Sisters' hospital, where he remained till his saintly death on January 8. Throughout that time, which he spent in bed with the exception of an occasional attendance at Mass when he felt strong enough, or sitting up a little during the day, he

was very patient and edifying to all who visited him. He was of a uniform quiet disposition, cheerful in mind and beautifully resigned in will to God's loving providence.

When Christmas was coming on, he hoped he might see the solemn midnight services with 1000 Indians present and most of them receiving holy communion. But he had to make the sacrifice of his wishes and be satisfied with attendance at mass in the Sisters' chapel at 7 in the morning. He was anxious to join in the Christmas carols the Sisters were singing during the mass and did so to the best of his failing strength. It was his dying song and his last visit to the chapel.

Two days later he had a small hemorrhage from which he rallied but which was followed for half a week with a daily fever of 104, a pulse of 120 and a respiration of over 40.

First Vows on Deathbed

On that same day of the hemorrhage, he devoutly received the last sacraments and made his vows of devotion. Word was eagerly expected from Fr. Provincial for the Brother to take his real vows, as his time was up on December 20. On January 6 the Brother had a sinking spell in the afternoon but rallied.

That same afternoon, luckily, the mail brought the good news from Fr. Provincial that the Brother could take his vows; and so, at 9 o'clock that evening, into the hands of Fr. Dillon, the superior, the little Brother pronounced his vows and became a full religious in the Society of Jesus. It was an event he had carefully prepared for during all his novitiate and it brought him supreme happiness. He was delighted also with the beautiful crucifix of his vows.

As the Brother was in danger, Fr. Dillon remained in the hospital, sleeping in an adjoining room, to be on hand if anything should happen. Nothing occurred that night, and after saying mass at the hospital Fr. Dillon returned to the home.

In the morning I had to go a few miles into the country to bring holy communion to a sick Indian over 80 years old. Upon my return I at once went to the hospital to pay my usual morning visit to the Brother

and to congratulate him on his vows. He was very much pleased to see me again.

After a few questions and answers I said to him: "Brother, shall we say the beads?" It was my custom of late to do so with him every day.

"Yes, Father," he said.

"And, Brother, which mysteries shall we consider today?" I asked.

"Take the sorrowful mysteries," he replied.

"Oh, I know why, dear Brother. You want to meditate upon the Passion and death of your dear Savior."

He nodded assent. I knelt down at the foot of his bed and he mentally and in his heart followed the prayers. The beads finished, I drew near him, took the crucifix of his vows and made him kiss it three times, saying: "Sweet Jesus, mercy!"

I then said to him: "Brother, tell me what can I now do for you?"

Looking at me with a glance that I cannot forget, he said in a low voice: "Father, please, speak to me about the love of God."

I did so for some 10 minutes, whilst he listened attentively.

I then said to him: "Brother, is there anything at all on your mind to bother you?" I asked him, because five days previously he remarked to me: "Father, I have terrible temptations." But temptations only they were, as he came out of them victorious. It was probably the last attack of the infernal enemy.

He then with a smile answered my question, saying: "Nothing, Father."

I promised to come and see him again in the afternoon. I then gave him my blessing. As I was about to leave, he looked at me, saying: "Father, I am getting weaker."

I was back in his room at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He was anxious that I should say the beads again.

"Shall we take the same mysteries, Brother?"

"Yes, Father," he answered in a low voice. He held his own beads in his hand and mentally followed the prayers. He then again three times kissed his crucifix and followed me in the renewal of his vows. I spoke to him about the great happiness of his vows and their effect upon his soul for the remission of sin and punishments. I spoke about the happiness of dying in the Society of Jesus, a

sign and pledge of eternal salvation. He was glad to listen to it all. I promised to return again at 8 in the evening.

He then said: "Father, I am afraid I will die choking." Twice, the day before, he could hardly get his breath.

"Brother," I said, "you are in the hands of the good God and nothing will happen without His holy will. And what He wills, is all for the best."

"Yes, Father."

I was back at 8. On my way to the hospital, I almost made up my mind not to say the beads a third time. But I soon changed my mind after arriving and seeing how it would please him to say the beads again. I knelt at the foot of his bed, saying the beads, the Brother mentally following them the best he could in his weakened condition.

He then again three times kissed his crucifix, saying: "Sweet Jesus, mercy."

I said to him: "Brother, we surely have prayed much today to our Blessed Lady, have we not? Three pairs of beads! How happy you will be soon to see her in heaven. And to see also the good St. Joseph."

At the name of Joseph, an unusual smile came over his face. The thought flashed through my mind. "Yes, Brother," I said, "that's right, your name is Joseph and St. Joseph is your patron saint and the patron of a happy death."

Brother, how great will be your happiness. The eye has not seen and the ear has not heard and it has not entered into the heart of man to conceive what God has prepared for those that love Him. You love God, and you wish to love Him with all your heart. And your happiness with God, dear Brother, is forever."

"Brother," I said, "when you are in heaven, I want you to pray for me, as I need your prayers. And I want you to pray for my Indian people." He promised me to do so.

"Brother," I said, "I offered up the holy mass for you this morning and I will do so again tomorrow morning." I gave him my blessing and said goodbye.

At 10 o'clock, Fr. Dillon came to the hospital and saw the Brother before retiring to the room where he was again to sleep. At 4:30 in the morning the Brother rang his bell,

and by the time he rang it the second time, the night Sister and Fr. Dillon entered his room, to find the good Brother collapsing and dying in the act of a severe hemorrhage. The last absolution was given and his innocent soul had gone to its Creator. Two hours later, the three Mission Fathers were saying mass for the repose of his soul.

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The privilege of pronouncing his religious vows on his deathbed was one that Bro. Prince had prayed for long and earnestly. For while at Port Townsend, Wash., he wrote the following to a brother religious:

"Very Rev. Fr. Provincial has promised me my vows and if I am able to go back to Alaska in the spring, I shall go not as a layman, thank God, but as a religious." A request had been sent to Rome that Bro. Prince should be allowed to pronounce his vows at St. Ignatius Mission, Montana, instead of at the novitiate in California as is required.

Happy in Sickness

Though born of pagan parents in an uncivilized land, God's grace and religious training brought his soul to a high state of virtue. In reply to a letter telling Bro. Prince to be cheerful in his illness he wrote: "I am very very cheerful and very happy. Oftentimes people in time of sickness forget to thank God. Is sickness as good as health when God sends it? Yes. I thank God for the little suffering I am undergoing."

While at Los Gatos he was most exact in his obedience to superiors. In the carpentry shop of which he had charge he was most kind and obliging in the fulfilling of any request. His deep piety was manifest in his solid devotion and in his love of prayer.

The change of climate, food and other living conditions, from the Arctic Circle to California, proved too radical for the Eskimo. Paradoxical as it may sound, Bro. Prince felt the cold at Los Gatos more keenly than anyone else. At times he had to stay in the furnace room or in the kitchen to keep warm.

Bro. Prince would have been invaluable as a laybrother either in this country or in his native Alaska. He was an experienced carpenter, expert blacksmith, a bricklayer, and a

good all round workman. He had proved his value "on the trail" in a 1200-mile trip with Fr. Delon, in driving a dog-sled.

Born on Norton Sound

Joseph Prince was born December 8, 1909, in northern Alaska near St. Michaels. Though his mother is still a pagan, Joseph was baptized by a Russian priest and later conditionally baptized by Fr. Ruppert. The Eskimo had spent ten years at the Jesuit mission at Holy Cross on the Yukon. He went with several other Catholic Eskimos to the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago in 1926. He later wrote to Fr. Provincial for admission as a laybrother into the California province of the Society of Jesus.

His request was granted but his departure from home was a real sacrifice. He visited his mother who is still a pagan and after several days at home he prepared to start back to the mission. His mother hated to lose her son and as he set foot on his sled she called to him and started to run after him. Though it cost him dearly he drove on in answer to God's call.

Most of the six month's postulanship Joseph Prince spent at Manresa Hall, Port Townsend, Wash. He was sent to the novitiate in California where he received his cassock as a novice on December 8, 1928. A severe attack of "flu" developed a lingering cold which was followed by consumption. In August 1930 he was sent back to Port Townsend in hope that the climate there would prove beneficial. As the malady grew no better he was removed to the hospital at St. Ignatius, Montana. But the disease had progressed too far and death was inevitable. He was just 21 years and one month old. The first Eskimo Jesuit will no doubt be active in heaven by interceding for his beloved Alaska.

R. I. P.

Publications

Fr. Cody

Fr. Alexander J. Cody has recently published a new book of essays entitled "Gardens and Grottos." Many favorable comments concerning the book have been made by the press:

"Fr. Cody's volume of essays is

one that will be perused with genuine intellectual refreshment and profit, and laid down with a single regret—that there isn't more of it."—Santa Clara Journal.

"It is a cultured mind that speaks through the essays, yet a cultured mind that has maintained its faith in the great realities of human life." Sacramento Bee.

"One is reminded of Charles Lamb in many ways by Fr. Cody's works; the poet in him intrudes often to make gentle music of prose, so gentle indeed, that it escapes our conscious notice, but enough so that we realize he has put down melodious sentences."—San Francisco News.

Other works which Fr. Cody has published in recent years include "Our Lady Courtesy," "God's Looking Glass," "Enchanted Casements," and "Tarts and Cheese-Cake."

Fr. David McAstocker

"A Friend of Mine," by Fr. David McAstocker, rector of Bellarmine high school, Tacoma, has just been published by the Bruce Publishing company, Milwaukee. \$1.25. The book will be reviewed in a later issue of the Province News.

Fr. Henry Woods

"Laudes Vergilianae," by Fr. Henry Woods of Santa Clara university, is a poem of 125 Latin hexameters which was written for the Vergil bimillennial celebration held at the University of California Greek theatre, Berkeley, on October 21. Dr. John Henry Nash, a California lover of letters offered to have the poem printed. The book is made up in orange paper binding with Roman style of type throughout. Special copies of "Laudes Vergilianae," bound in orange cloth with yellow tips and back, are to be sent to Pope Pius XI, to the king of Italy, and to Premier Mussolini.

St. Michael's Alumni

MISSOURI-CHICAGO

Class of 1918

Fr. Stephen Boyle (Mo.), teaching in high school, Marquette univ., Milwaukee.

Fr. Augustine Ellard (Mo.), teaching philosophy in St. Louis univ.

Class of 1919

Fr. Frank Brown (Chi.), teaching

in high school, John Carroll univ., Cleveland.

Fr. Charles Doyle (Chi.), America staff, New York.

Fr. Gerald Ellard (Mo.), studying at univ. of Munich, Germany.

Fr. John Henry (Chi.), teaching in high school, Rockhurst college, Kansas City.

Fr. Walter Marquard (Chi.), Patna mission, India.

Fr. Bernard McMahon (Mo.), teaching philosophy in seminary, Mundelein, Ill.

Fr. Charles Robinson (Mo.), teaching philosophy in St. Louis univ., director of radio station WEW.

Fr. Charles Schraeder (Chi.), studying history at univ. of Munich, Germany.

Fr. Audomarus Sullivan (Mo.), teaching in Creighton univ., Omaha.

Fr. Francis Vaughan (Chi.), teaching at Loyola univ., Chicago.

Fr. Joseph Walsh (Chi), teaching in juniorate, Milford, Ohio.

Fr. Leo McCarthy (Mo.), minister; Fr. Louis Keenoy (Mo.), teaching chemistry at St. Mary's college, Kansas.

Class of 1920

Fr. Martin Carrabine (Chi.), socius to novice master, Milford, Ohio.

Fr. Raymond Conway (Mo.), Fr. Francis Stoy (Mo.), Patna mission, India.

Fr. Frederick Miller (Chi.), studying chemistry in St. Louis univ.

Class of 1921

Fr. Edward Carrigan (Chi.), dean of arts and sciences, Xavier univ., Cincinnati.

Fr. George Dertinger (Chi.), Fr. Raymond Mullen (Mo.), Patna mission, India.

Fr. Louis Doyle (Mo.), teaching at Creighton univ., Omaha.

Fr. Martin Schiltz (Mo.), superior; Fr. Wm. Hayden (Mo.), cur val., St. Francis mission, S. D.

Fr. Julian Maline (Chi), teaching in juniorate, Milford, Ohio.

Fr. Wm. Markoe (Mo.), pastor of St. Elizabeth's church (Negro), St. Louis.

Fr. Ignatius Whitehead (Chi), teaching in high school, St. John's college, Toledo, Ohio.

Fr. Charles Hayden (Mo.), studying physics at St. Louis univ.

Class of 1922

Fr. Don. Keegan (Mo.), teaching; Fr. Joseph Zuercher (Mo.), prefect

of discipline, St. Mary's college, Kansas.

Fr. Matt Connell (Mo.), missionary, St. Stephen's mission, Wyoming.

Fr. Alfred Gallagher (Chi.), regent of school of trade and international service, Xavier univ., Cincinnati.

Fr. Joseph Gillespie (Chi.), Fr. Wm. Hagedorn (Chi.), Fr. Joseph Luther (Chi.), teaching at St. Ignatius high school, Chicago.

Fr. Aloysius Heeg (Chi.), teaching in juniorate, Florissant, Mo.

Fr. Jerome Jacobsen (Chi.), Fr. Albert Sammon (Chi.), Fr. Desmond Schmal (Chi.), tertians at Cleveland.

Fr. George McDonald (Mo.), teaching in St. Louis university high school.

Fr. Henry Suelzer (Chi.), teaching at Xavier univ., Cincinnati.

Fr. Seth Walker (Chi.), teaching in high school, St. John's college, Toledo.

Fr. James Walsh (Chi.), teaching in Detroit university high school.

Class of 1923

Fr. John Friedl (Mo.), Fr. Patrick Regan (Mo.), Fr. John Grace (Chi.), Fr. Edward Holton (Chi.), Fr. Edward Madaras (Chi.), Fr. Robert Manning (Chi.), Fr. Frederick Welfle (Chi.), tertians at Cleveland.

Fr. James E. Case (Mo.), studying mathematics at univ. of Chicago.

Fr. Ralph Gallagher (Chi.), studying and teaching sociology at St. Louis univ.

Fr. Ray O'Donnell (Mo.), teaching in juniorate, Florissant, Mo.

Fr. Edward Preusch (Mo.), assistant treasurer, St. Louis univ.

Fr. Wm. Shiels (Chi.), teaching at Loyola univ., Chicago.

Class of 1924

Frs. John Gibbons (Mo.), Francis Hunleth (Mo.), Oscar La Plante (Chi.), fourth-year theologians, St. Louis.

Class of 1925

Mr. Cecil Chamberlain (Chi.), second-year theologian; Messrs. Leo Coressel, Edward McGrath, Clarence Whitford, Edmund Ziegelmeier (Mo), Bernard Hausmann (Chi.), third-year theologians, St. Louis.

Messrs. Reginald Lefebvre, Burke O'Neill (Chi.), Thomas O'Connor (Mo.), third-year theologians, Weston, Mass.

Fr. Wm. Puetter (Mo.), tertian at Cleveland.

Class of 1926

Messrs. Clement De Muth, Patrick Kelly, James Orford, Aloysius Smith (Mo.), Raymond Dunst, Paul Kovallick, Jerome Lemmer, Leo Sullivan, Joseph Teply (Chi.), second-year theologians, St. Louis.

Mr. Everett Hogan (Chi.), second-year theologian, Weston.

Class of 1927

Messrs. John Bieri, Edmund Horne, James McGinnis, Bernard Vaughan (Chi.), Edward Courtney, Gerald Kelly, Hubert McKemie, George Shea (Mo.), first-year theologians, St. Louis.

Class of 1928

Mr. James Fitzpatrick (Mo.), teaching in high school, Regis college, Denver.

Mr. Joseph Moylan (Mo.), teaching at Campion, Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Mr. John E. Mullin (Chi.), teaching in St. Louis university high school.

Class of 1929

Mr. Floyd Brey (Mo.), teaching in high school, St. Mary's college, Kansas.

Mr. Charles Firstos (Chi.), teaching in high school, John Carroll university, Cleveland.

Mr. Raymond Grant (Chi.), teaching in St. Ignatius high school, Chicago.

Mr. Patrick Holloran (Mo.), teaching in high school, Marquette university, Milwaukee.

Mr. Neil McManus (Mo.), teaching at Campion, Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Mr. Robert Sheridan (Mo.), teaching in high school, Creighton university, Omaha.

Mr. Hugh Smith (Chi.), teaching in Detroit university high school.

Mr. Augustine Wildermuth (Mo.), Patna mission, India.

Class of 1930

Messrs. Albert Muntsch, Gregory Sontag (Mo.), teaching in high school, St. Mary's college Kansas.

Mr. Frederick Geheb (Chi.), teaching in Loyola academy, Loyola university, Chicago.

Mr. George Kmiecik (Chi.), teaching in St. Ignatius high school, Chicago.

Mr. Gilbert McCabe (Mo.), teaching in high school, Rockhurst college, Kansas City.

Mr. Alfred Schneider (Mo.), teaching at Campion, Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Mr. Wilton Skiffington (Chi.), teaching in high school, John Carroll univ., Cleveland.

Mr. William Collins (Mo.), teaching at Holy Rosary mission, Pine Ridge, S. D.

Northern Alaska

New Superior

Fr. Francis Menager has recently been appointed superior of northern Alaska. While professor of cosmology at Mt. St. Michael's in 1927, he volunteered for the Alaska missions, opened a new mission that same year at Kashunak on the Bering coast, and opened another new mission the following year at Hooper Bay in the same region.

Holy Cross

Christmas Celebration

Christmas at Holy Cross mission on the Yukon is celebrated in the same regal fashion as at Mt. St. Michael's, according to Fr. Paul O'Connor.

"People come in here for Christmas," he wrote on December 30, "from all up and down the mighty Yukon. Every house in Holy Cross is filled to capacity. On Christmas Eve Fr. Lucchesi and I were kept pretty busy at confession all day long. The children retire at 6:30. At eleven bells the big boys awake the entire community by singing 'Christ is born on Christmas morn'."

Just before the midnight mass the Alaskan night was illuminated with a brilliant display of Northern Lights. At 11:55 the Eskimos from the village together with all the school children of Holy Cross began the solemn chanting of the Martyrology for Christmas.

"This," writes Fr. O'Connor, "has an effect which it would take more than words to describe. People in the States have many queer notions about Catholicity of the natives in Alaska. Let them come up here and hear the children with their parents and uncles and cousins and aunts sing a Christmas midnight mass without a flaw and with a richness of melody that would shame many a choir in the States. They would begin to realize as I do that the won-

derful work of our old California Jesuits has and is bearing wonderful fruit and such fruit as must continue to be gathered for the harvest of the Lord."

Fr. O'Connor celebrated the three masses at midnight. He was assisted for the first, a solemn high, by Fr. Lucchesi as deacon and Mr. Thomas Cunningham as subdeacon. Christmas evening solemn vespers were chanted by the children and all the villagers.

Alaskan Rubrics

"Bishop Crimont," continues Fr. O'Connor, "is, I believe responsible for all the beautiful ceremonies here at Holy Cross. He wrote out in longhand a minute description of all the ceremonies that are to be held in our church during the year. This manner of procedure has been scrupulously followed by all the succeeding superiors of Holy Cross with the result that some excellent traditions have been established here of over 30 years standing."

Christmas Football

Fr. O'Connor organized a football game on the day after Christmas between the Holy Cross alumni and the present mission boys. "The mission," he writes, "was defeated, despite the fact that I was referee."

Missionary Excursion

He made a 12-day trip with a dogsled early in December down into the Kuskokwim territory south of Holy Cross. "The mercury," he writes, "was hiding around 30 below during the first ten days of the trip, and in consequence I got plenty of experience. In this country there is plenty of space and plenty of ventilation. I faced the wind one morning with a gale at 32 below. The wind travelled through my parky as it would through a sieve. One half of my face froze. I was so busy trying to guide the sled over frozen ice that my face was the least of my thoughts. My Eskimo guide, however, noticed a rather pallid countenance and immediately began to rub snow on the affected part. That was the end of that little trouble.

"The biggest difficulty of all is to keep from sweating. The trail is made up of a rather smooth trail on the river and a very difficult one on the portages. The result is that one must work very hard for a few

There are fifteen sodalities and conferences attached to the church with an active membership of over 5000, exclusive of the Bona Mors.

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Father Sarasola, S. J., of the Colombian National Observatory, has published a book on the Hurricanes of the Antilles, which is highly praised by the scientists of South America and extensively quoted by scientific journals. He is at times sent by the government to establish meteorological stations in various places and to correct or verify altitudes or positions.

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The geologist, Friedlander, who spent some time in Colombia making observations called several times at our new college at Pasto. Seeing the work of the Fathers and hearing that the splendid buildings recently opened were erected by the offerings of the faithful he remarked: "Though a Protestant, I declare that the best institution in all Colombia is clericalism."

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Two of the Fathers of St. Bartholomew's College, Bogota, went to the Leper Colony of Contratacion and in ten days gave four Triduums to the inmates and one to the employees. They report 13,000 Confessions, 17,000 Communions.

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In Colombia it seems to be customary that the Bishop in making his pastoral visits take two Jesuit Fathers with him to give a short Mission at the Pueblos visited. The Fathers often give Triduums to the soldiers and generally prepare them for their solemn oath of fidelity to the flag, which is always preceded by Confession and Communion.

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The moving out of the old college at Belen to the new one of Marianao was the greatest event in Havana for some time and caused great rejoicing all over the Island of Cuba. The Governor and the aristocracy of Havana joined in, police lined the streets and all traffic was suspended along the line of march to allow the procession to pass. The new building looks gigantic and sumptuous; many declare it is the finest college building of the Society at present. It is a steel structure, fan shaped, with nine wings connected by a facade 505 feet long;

the frontage being 728 feet and the depth 623. The assembly hall seats 2200, and the gymnasium is extensive. The main dormitory is 393 feet by 66. In it there are 200 cubicles, each 8 feet by 7½ feet, all supplied with running water. There are 24 class rooms, with room for 50 boys in each; seven study halls and six refectories. The plunge is 75 by 25, surrounded by a number of bath rooms and 80 showers.

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Three Jesuits have been sent by the French Government on an important official scientific mission into the Far East. Fathers Licent and Tielhard de Chardin (president of the Geological Society of France) are officially delegated by the ministry of foreign affairs, the ministry of public instruction and the Paris Museum to undertake a very dangerous voyage of exploration through Mongolia and Thibet to study the geology and paleontology of this little known region, while Father Lejay is sent to the Observatory of Zikawei to work on the reform of longitude.

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On January 23, celebrating the centenary of diplomatic relations between Brazil and the Holy See, the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs cabled the Holy Father: "With best wishes for the prosperity and prestige of the Catholic church whose beneficent and most efficacious influence has ever been up to this day the greatest guarantee of peace in the world and the most secure means of moral perfection, advancement and improvement."

This is evidently not the spirit of corrupt official Mexico. After some years of bitter persecution they, on July 23, finally arrested V. Rev. Pascual Diaz, S. J., Bishop of Toluca, and imprisoned him with the Archbishop of Mexico. His only crime, as the repeated warnings show, was that he persistently refused to take a wife and bring her into the episcopal household.

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Good Brother Marchisio died about July 2. He had been in Alaska since the fall of 1893, mostly at Holy Cross Mission. This summer he went to the hospital in Fairbanks where he expired. No particulars have as yet been received.

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was up under the eaves. It was a log cabin, with spots here and there where one could gaze at the stars through the roof.

Among the five Ursulines now at Akulurak are Mother Mary Laurentia and Sister Mary Claver of the original pioneers who opened the mission school, which now has an enrollment of about 100 Eskimo children, almost all boarders.

Indian Missions Colville

Fr. Edward Griva

Fr. Edward Griva, 66-year-old veteran missionary among the Northwest Indians, after an illness of three and a half months in the hospital at Havre, Mont., and another three and a half months in the hospital in Great Falls, Mont., arrived at St. Francis Regis mission, Colville, Wash., December 4, to take charge of the mission station at Pia, Wash. While in the hospital he underwent four operations.

He came to Mt. St. Michael's on December 10 to make his annual retreat, but on account of illness had to spend the last few days of the retreat in Sacred Heart hospital, Spokane.

To Restore Mission

To raise sufficient funds to restore the old St. Paul's mission at Kettle Falls, Wash., a society will be formed in the early spring, according to an announcement made in December at a meeting of the Colville Kiwanis club. It is estimated that the work will cost \$2,500.

The old St. Paul's mission was established in 1840 on the bluffs overlooking Kettle Falls about 10 miles from our present Colville mission. Much of the old building is still standing. A short time ago the walls had to be propped up pending more permanent restoration.

St. Joseph's Mission

Intercession of Fr. Cataldo

As a thanksgiving offering for a favor received through the intercession of Fr. Cataldo, B. A. Collins of Pennsylvania has sent \$100 through the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions to St. Joseph's mission, Culdesac, Idaho, where Fr. Cataldo spent the last years of his life.

Fr. O'Malley

"Fr. O'Malley is very much interested in his Indian work," writes Fr. Thomas M. Neate, superior of St. Joseph's mission. "He says mass in Lapwai three times a month in the T. B. sanitarium, where there are some 80 Catholic Indians, and in the Sacred Heart church in Lapwai. In the former place he had 50 communions last Sunday and 18 in the church.

"We are kept busy at the mission. There are about 80 children here, whites and Indians. The buildings are fire-proof, all heated by steam, and everything is spick and span, tip top for the children.

"Don't steer for the rocks. How could we do without the Province News. Let us know and we'll throw you out an anchor."

Fr. Neate's Teacher

The 85-year-old patriarch of the Missouri province, Fr. James J. O'Meara, who taught Fr. Neate in Chicago 50 years ago, sent him the following remarkable letter on the occasion of his golden jubilee last year:

"Congratulations on jubilee. The 'Jesuit Missions' of April gives account of your golden jubilee and reminds me of the class of Poetry in Chicago 50 years ago. O'Connor, Blatter, Hickey became priests; then Scanlan and Wallace—all I remember. Rev. George Blatter is an author in poetry still living at E. 2940 91 St. Chicago—SS. Peter and Paul's church.

"I came over with Fr. DeSmet for the Rocky Mountain mission, but kept teaching. I console myself that one of my pupils has labored in my stead.

"Sister Alvernia of Pendleton has often mentioned you among the Umattillas, and I write to let you know that I have always felt interested in you, and am still alive in good health.

"After teaching for 17 years since 1880, I had pastoral work for 17 more years; then I am 16 years here at Florissant as spiritual Father and pastor till hearing failed me. Am 67 years in religion and 54 in the priesthood, being considered the oldest member in the province.

"In fact I was a novice in England three months before Missouri was a province. And I witnessed the be-

ginning and the progress of all our colleges, except the first two, St. Louis and Cincinnati. Our progress in Chicago is striking since 1880, when Carter Harrison and Tom Tinn made Rhetoric and there was no philosophy class.

"I was in Chicago when they bought the sand lot where Loyola university is now making history on the North Side by the lake. You must read the Life of Fr. Damen to feel proud of your old parish.

"Ad multos annos."

St. Andrew's Mission

Adventures of Fr. Corbett

When Fr. John T. Corbett, superior of St. Andrew's mission in Oregon was giving a mission in Spokane in December, the editor begged him to send in an account of his activities at St. Andrew's. The following delightful letter from Fr. Corbett was the result:

The mission of Spokane over, St. Andrew's Mission Padre took the train en route to home. In the smoking car, finding himself in company of nine prisoners chained individually and collectively, he picked out their leader, a Jew graduate of Harvard, exchanged smoke courtesies with him and for some hours gave the Spiritual Exercises for the delight of the sheriff and his proteges.

The Jew was spokesman for his crowd and St. Patrick for mine. I assured him my best friends were Jews, Jesus and Mary. He countered with Moses, whom I admitted to be a friend of mine too and a herald of Christ, the most wonderful Jew. When he ran me up against Abraham, I countered with Adam, and everybody was happy to realize that Jew or gentile, fettered or unfettered, we are all one in Adam—"for a man is a man for a' that."

But why brag about Adam, who made a fool of himself and got us all into trouble, when Jewish history written by Jew historians proclaims the Jew Christ the Son of God and the living Redeemer of the human race.

With everybody brought back to Christ, we parted, the prisoners to Walla Walla, the Padre to the company of Brother Mandala, but not before Bishop Kelly came in for reinforcements.

And so we hit Pendleton, to find the mission car in waiting to whisk us to St. Andrew's, where the returned missionaries, Brother and the Chief, got a glorious welcome from the "locum tenens", Rev. Emil Boll, with the assembled St. Andrew's faculty and Indian charges.

The next morning with Fr. Boll steaming to expectant Lewiston, preparations for the best-ever Christmas were pushed on vigorously. A hurried message was sent to the Wise Men of Manresa, and this explains how we had solemn midnight mass for Christmas and the thrilling presence of Fr. Delpiano to cheer us on to a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Christmas Eve

Study of rubrics for all, "preside" Fr. Delpiano. 3 p. m. Fr. Lajoie left in charge of Indian confessions. Fr. Corbett to St. Mary's church, Pendleton, till 10 p. m. Then back at St. Andrew's at 10:30 p. m., rings first bell at 11 p. m. to wake the mission town. At 11:30 p. m. Bro. Mandala rings second bell. Community Christmas tree in yard is electrically lighted with twinkling stars, the church and crib are ablaze with lights, the uniformed Catholic Boys' Brigade is in the church with the surpliced youngsters and the other faithful.

From 11:30 to 12 a sacred concert alternates with Christmas carols in Latin, Indian and English. Meanwhile Fr. Corbett is baptizing two adults, school proteges, who are to make their first communion during the mass.

Midnight Mass

At midnight the musical instruments are laid aside. Sr. Falconieri, O. S. F., cousin of Fr. Altman, sounds the little Aleste Fideles pipe organ, Bro. Mandala unveils the Bambino's crib, the altar boys advance to the sanctuary, followed by the clergy, and the solemn mass begins, with Fr. Corbett as celebrant, Fr. Lajoie deacon, Fr. Delpiano sub-deacon, Bro. Mandala master of ceremonies, and the angels looking on in admiration.

At the Gospel the pastor reads the Gospel in English, wishes a merry Christmas in Indian and English, and after a four-minute warmer, bows up Fr. Lajoie, who reads the Gospel in Indian and discourses

eloquently in limpid, labial Nez Perce. Collection returns: \$10:35.

At the elevation the Catholic Boys' Brigade buglers salute the new-born King. Some 150 of the faithful receive holy communion.

Mass over, the pastor goes to the crib and invites all, young and old, forward and to each one is given a Christmas present in the guise of a fine pair of beads.

Then lights out and St. Andrew's town goes to bed. Fr. Corbett cops the collection and makes for Pendleton, arriving at the hospital at 2:30 a. m. Retires, is summoned in time to say his second and third masses at the Sisters' academy, then breakfast, then to help with confessions at Fr. McKenna's church, then at 9:30 a. m. back to St. Andrew's to assist at Fr. Delpiano's last mass at 10:30 a. m. and to listen to Fr. Lajoie's second Indian sermon.

Christmas Banquets

Next came the Indian and white Christmas banquets (separate establishments). At 3 p. m. was the Christmas Tree celebration, with presents for the children of the school, for all comers, babies and grown-up Indians, Catholic, Protest-

ant, pagan, with the Catholic Boys' Brigade band keeping up the Christmas excitement.

Next all the Indian children are turned over to their parents and guardians for the Christmas holidays till January 4. Many Indians stay on the church grounds till after New Year's day. For these we have mass every morning at 7 and evening devotions at 7 p. m., which allows Fr. Lajoie to conduct a mission for the Indians.

On December 26 I had a Catholic Indian marriage—it cost me \$10. D. G.

The day after Christmas came the consolation of a midnight sick call, enabling me to administer the last rites to a white man married to a half-breed Indian. According to all rules he should have died, but after two and a half days he rallied and will live. As there were many half-breed relatives gathered, I seized the opportunity of making it easy for them to get to mass on Sunday, December 28, by offering to say mass in the house. Two Sisters came along and we gave the shut-ins a glorious Christmas octave present. Result: 9 confessions and communions.

Items From Other Provinces

Mongolia

Jesuit Finds Fossils

The French Jesuit scientist, Pere Teilhard de Chardin, who accompanied the paleontological expedition sent by the American Museum of Natural History into the Gobi desert of eastern Mongolia, discovered last summer what Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, noted explorer and head of the expedition, calls "one of the world's most remarkable fossil deposits."

On the 1928 Gobi expedition to the edge of a vast yellow-green basin which in the Pliocene period was an enormous lake or inland sea Dr. Andrews' party found a 5-foot scoop-shaped jaw of a hitherto unknown mastadon that he describes as "one of the most extraordinary and spectacular mammals that the world has ever known". They were unable,

however, to find any other bones of the mastadon.

This year the expedition returned to the same district, about 150 miles north of Hatt-in-Sumu, Mongolia, in the hope of finding a complete skeleton of the mastadon.

In the Saturday Evening Post for October 25 Dr. Andrews tells how, while the rest of the party were uncovering two incomplete specimens, the Jesuit scientist made his great discovery:

"During the days that we were excavating these two specimens, Pere Teilhard de Chardin, with our two Chinese colleagues, Doctors Young and Chang, prospected the escarpment further to the south. Six miles from camp they discovered an amphitheatre in the bad lands, capped to the west with snow-white marl. The slopes of the familiar gray sediments were strewn thickly with

broken mastadon bones—teeth, fragments of skulls, limbs, vertebrae and dozens of ribs . . . The fragments were confined to an area of about fifty by thirty feet . . .

"When we removed the upper cover of sand a mass of fossil bones was disclosed in a thick lens of green clay. They lay like a huge pile of jackstraws. Great scoop jaws, many of them nearly perfect, were heaped upon one another in every possible position. Some extended straight down; others at oblique angles; still others almost horizontal. Most of the jaws were more than five feet long. The part of a jaw which we discovered in 1928 had been enshrined with reverence as one of the prize exhibits of the museum. Here we had half a dozen complete specimens visible at one time, and doubtless many others at the bottom of the pit. Mixed with them in a seemingly hopeless jumble were enormous flat shoulder blades, pelvic bones, limbs and scores of ribs . . .

"One of the most important and interesting features is that the jaws show a complete age series. They range from baby mandibles hardly a foot in length, bearing milk teeth, up to massive dredgeline jaws five and one-half feet long. The gradation is perfect and the series complete. When they are placed side by side in the museum there will be nothing like it in the world.

"As far as we are aware, no similar deposit has ever before been discovered."

It was announced last summer that Fr. Teilhard would also accompany the Transasiatic Citroen expedition, which, according to present plans, will go as far as West China and return to Peking before starting for Indochina. Last year he journeyed through Shensi in his capacity as counsellor to the geological service of the Chinese government.

Paraguay

Martyrs' Cause.—Dr. Thomas Cullen, Argentinian delegate, asked the Carthage Eucharistic congress last June to place before the Holy Father the cause of Fr. Roque Gonzales and companions, Jesuit martyrs of the Guaranian mission and ardent apostles of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. After three centuries

of absence, the heart of Fr. Roque Gonzales was brought back to Asuncion, Paraguay, last April. The deputation which brought it back was met at the wharf by a reception committee made up of the president of the republic, the bishop, various government ministers and members of the diplomatic corps, and a crowd estimated at between twenty and thirty thousand persons. At the reception held the following evening in the episcopal palace the bishop signed the petition to the Holy Father for the martyr's cause, after which the rest of the clergy also signed it.

Missouri

Disputations.—In the public disputations at St. Louis university on November 28, Fr. Leopold Ragner Robinson (Calif.) was defender in "De Trinitate"; Fr. L. Clarence Rudolph (Calif.) and Fr. T. Divine (Mo.), objectors. Fr. Oscar La Plante (Chi., Mt. St. Michael's '24) was defender in "De Creatione"; Fr. John Lapeyre (N. O., Mt. St. Michael's '25) and Fr. Crotty (N. Y.), objectors.

New Address, New Editor For Province News

This is the last issue of the Province News to be published at Mt. St. Michael's. In future please address all correspondence and contributions, both informational and financial, to the provincial socius, Fr. Lawrence E. O'Keeffe, who will edit the Province News at 55 West San Fernando street, San Jose, Calif.

The retiring editor wishes to express his sincere gratitude to all who have supplied him with the news of the province during the past few years, and especially to those who have helped keep the wolf away from the door.

Before signing off and returning you to our main broadcasting studio in San Jose, we wish to add to our honorable-mention list the name of Fr. Augustine Krebsbach, superior at Missoula, who has just sent us \$10 for the Province News.